

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0030] in the application as originally filed with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] Pre-formed metformin hydrochloride tablets identical to those used as a starting material in Example 1 were are used. Likewise, an identical Opadry solution was is used as the barrier layer solution. This solution was is sprayed onto the tablets to achieve a weight increase of 1%.

Please replace paragraph [0031] in the application as originally filed with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] To prepare the immediate-release layer, a suspension similar to that of Example 1 was is prepared except that it contained contains 0.40% glimepiride rather than 0.20%. The suspension was is sprayed onto the barrier layer until the tablet weight increased increases by approximately 4%.